



CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all claims pending are now in condition for allowance so such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)

Applicant respectfully petitions pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time to file this response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2001. The extended period is set to expire on Monday, April 9, 2001. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a one-month extension of time.

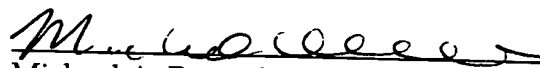
If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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